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Employment in Josephine County: January 2015

Seasonal Job Declines in Construction, Leisure and Hospitality and Retail Trade Bring Down Employment

Total payroll employment fell by 400 jobs in January. Retail trade employment declined by 130 over the month, mostly due to the end of temporary seasonal jobs added for the holiday season. Many other industries also lost jobs as a result of normal seasonal hiring patterns. Construction lost 50 jobs in January and also lost about that many jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality typically reaches its employment low-point during the winter months and lost 60 jobs in January. Both financial activities and local government education employment fell by 50 over the month.

A couple industries managed to add jobs in January. Wood product manufacturing employment grew by 30 jobs and rose by 100 jobs since January 2014, a 20 percent increase. Professional and business services employment has been growing both in Oregon and in Josephine County. This diverse mix of businesses added 50 jobs locally in January and rose by 210 over the year.

Josephine County total payroll employment expanded by a brisk 5.7 percent over the past 12 months, up by 1,300 jobs. Gains were broad-based across most industry sectors. The largest gain was estimated in manufacturing, which grew by 450 jobs. Retail trade gained 270 jobs since January 2015. The recent announcement of a new Winco grocery store should continue to boost those figures once the store is constructed and staffed. Health care and social assistance was also a major contributor to the county's jobs gains, adding 300 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality, while near its seasonal low ebb, grew by 160 jobs since January 2014.

A few sectors bucked the overall job growth trend and show losses over the year. Wholesale trade lost 90 jobs, or a decline of about 9 percent. Local government employment slipped by 150, with 110 of the loss occurring in the education component.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 17.

Workforce and Economic Research
2014 Benchmark**OREGON CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT
JOSEPHINE COUNTY**

Labor Force Status	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	-Change from-	
	2015	2014	2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2014
Civilian Labor Force	33,052	33,180	31,883	-128	1,169
Unemployed	3,018	2,937	3,565	81	-547
Unemployment rate	9.1%	8.9%	11.2%	0.3	-2.1
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	8.6%	9.3%	9.9%	-0.7	-1.3
Employed	30,034	30,243	28,318	-209	1,716

Nonfarm Payroll Employment	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	-Change from-	
	2015	2014	2014	Dec. 2014	Jan. 2014
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	24,080	24,480	22,780	-400	1,300
Total private	20,560	20,850	19,170	-290	1,390
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	640	690	700	-50	-60
Manufacturing	2,880	2,900	2,430	-20	450
Wood product manufacturing	600	570	500	30	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	5,020	5,190	4,840	-170	180
Wholesale trade	890	890	980	0	-90
Retail trade	3,770	3,900	3,500	-130	270
Food and beverage stores	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	360	400	360	-40	0
Information	260	260	270	0	-10
Financial activities	1,220	1,270	1,150	-50	70
Professional and business services	2,230	2,180	2,020	50	210
Educational and health services	4,550	4,550	4,250	0	300
Educational services	0	0	0	0	0
Health care and social assistance	4,550	4,550	4,250	0	300
Ambulatory health care services	0	0	0	0	0
Nursing and residential care facilities	0	0	0	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	2,670	2,730	2,510	-60	160
Other services	1,000	990	910	10	90
Government	3,520	3,630	3,610	-110	-90
Federal government	220	240	220	-20	0
State government	860	880	800	-20	60
Local government	2,440	2,510	2,590	-70	-150
Local education	1,790	1,840	1,900	-50	-110
Labor/Management Disputants	0	0	0	0	0

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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